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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

Enclosed is a copy of the Program for the fifth American Society for Cell Biology Summer Research Conference to which your company so generously contributed funds to.

This Summer's conference at Airlie House brought together diverse groups both from within the American Society for Cell Biology and from the community of biologists at large. Indeed, the conference was designed to promote productive discussions among people with different points of view and different technical foci concerning the general problem of chromosome structure and movement. Seven scientific sessions and three workshops were organized to meet the conference goals.

The conference was very successful, attracting 165 participants representing the United States and 13 foreign countries. Thirty young Scientists who attended the conference were recipients of Society awards covering partial conference costs. Participants were highly enthusiastic about the conference and look forward to attending another in future years.

I am enclosing the conference topics and speakers for the Society's Second ASCB/EMBO Conference entitled "The Cell Cycle," organized by Tim Hunt, University of Cambridge, Eric Karsenti, EMBL, Heidelberg, Marc Kirschner, University of California, and Paul Nurse, University of Oxford. This important conference should be of interest to a wide audience of molecular and cell biologists from the United States and Europe.

Each conference costs well beyond the income generated from the participant registration fees. The <u>severe</u> cut-back in the Federal Budget allows for only token support from the NIH and the NSF. Each year, the organizers submit grant proposals to several granting agencies and although these proposals receive excellent scores, the agencies can only provide minimal funding. The ASCB must raise approximately $20,000 from other outside sources to cover ASCB's share of conference costs. The EMBO is responsible for one-half the costs as well. Thus, your support of this

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Conference would represent an important and worthwhile service to the research community. Contributions are acknowledged on all conference application forms, advertisements and announcements in the ASCB Newsletters and other society publications and in the Conference Program.

Your support will enable the ASCB to maintain high conference standards and provide quality Programs. We hope that your company will be able to contribute to this important Second Conference and we ask that you consider supporting these Conferences on an annual basis.

Sincerely,

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